

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Medal of Valor Review Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Justice

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Medal of Valor Review Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

13813

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/05/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/05/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

The Public Safety Act of 2001, P.L. 107-12; 115 Stat. 20 (May 20, 2001)

13. Effective Date

05/30/2001

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$3,028.00	\$3,400.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$39,669.00	\$41,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$8,138.00	\$27,190.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$27,744.00	\$44,947.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$34,996.00	\$43,408.00
18d. Total	\$113,575.00	\$159,945.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board shall draw from among eligible nominations received by the National Medal of Valor Office, and recommends candidates to become recipients of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor. Not more often than once a year, the Board shall make its recommendations (the name or names of those it recommends as Medal of Valor recipients), which are then presented by the DFO to the Attorney General. In addition, the Board has recommended the design of the Medal of Valor, after consultation with the Institute of Heraldry, the Department of Justice, and others, as described in the Act.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of the Board shall be individuals with knowledge or expertise, whether by experience or training, in the field of public safety, of which—(A) two shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (B) two shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; (C) two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; (D) two shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (E) three shall be appointed by the President, including one with experience in firefighting, one with experience in law enforcement, and one with experience in emergency services.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

At a minimum, the Board meets twice annually. These meetings focus on deliberations leading to its annual recommendations for the Medal of Valor, operational issues, public outreach, communication, and a range of other issues that may be of interest or concern for the Board and/or are central to the operation of this program. An additional 3rd meeting may occur when the Board attends a scheduled MOV ceremony.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is essential because it was established by Congress specifically for the purpose of considering nominations and annually recommending recipients to receive the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Medal of Valor Review Board annual makes its nominations for the Medal of Valor, which are forwarded to the Attorney General. The Attorney General considers the Board's

recommendations, along with other pertinent information and approves the recipients for this award.

Designated Federal Officer

Gregory V Joy Policy Advisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Clabes, Brandon	02/16/2017	02/15/2021	Chief, Midwest City Oklahoma Police Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Featherstone, James	08/26/2016	08/25/2020	President and CEO, Los Angeles Homeland Security Advisory Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fengel, Brian	12/12/2018	12/11/2022	Chief, Bartonville Police Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haley, Michael	12/11/2014	12/10/2018	Sheriff, Washoe County Sheriff's Office - Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hayes-White, Joanne	12/12/2016	12/11/2020	Fire Chief, San Francisco Fire Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnston, Abbey	03/17/2016	03/16/2020	Captain/Paramedic Lynchburg Fire Department, and President, Lynchburg Fire Fighters Association (Vice-Chair of MOV Board)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murphy, Brian	02/16/2017	02/15/2021	Lieutenant, Oak Creek Police Department - Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Perdue, Berl	09/23/2018	09/22/2022	Sheriff, Clark County Sheriff's Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Whipple, Trevor	09/20/2016	09/19/2020	Chief, South Burlington Police Department - Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Jeri	12/14/2016	12/13/2020	Chief of Phoenix Police Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor (MOV) is the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer, is awarded annually by the President or the Vice President to public safety officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save human life. "Reduce Violent Crime and Promote Public Safety" is one of the four strategic goals for the Department of Justice. The MOV Program serves to promote public safety by recognizing the exceptional actions of public safety officers who have exhibited exception courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life.

Further, the involvement of the President or Vice President, to present the MOV in the name of Congress, provides a platform by which the nation can recognize and honor these exceptional public safety officers. In addition, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the National Medal of Valor Office. Under BJA's focus on the policies and support programs, is the goal of supporting law enforcement, and as such, BJA's administration of the MOV program is a very visible way to support public safety which includes support for law enforcement across this nation.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Decoration Sets and appurtenances are awarded by the President of the United States or the Vice President of the United States, to public safety officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of their own personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
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| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

159

Number of Recommendations Comments

As of September 10, 2018, there have been 159 recommendations that were made by the MOV Review Board (Board). This includes: (1) original recommendation on the MOV Decoration Set (includes the medal, ribbon and appurtenances design); (1) original recommendation on the application processes; (134) recommendations for MOV recipients that have been approved by the U.S. Attorney General; (1) recommendation in 2009 to adopt Bylaws; (2) recommendations addressing revisions to those Bylaws (the most recently during the Sept. 20, 2017 Board Meeting); and finally an additional (20) recommendations for MOV recipients emerging from the September 10, 2018, Review Board Meeting, which are pending vetting and the ultimate approval by the Attorney. Note: There were 5 MOV recipients approved by the Attorney General in July 2017, that are covered by the exceptional circumstances exception under MOV, and as such did not come from the Board. There has also been a total of (19) Review Board meetings that led to the formal recommendations on nominees to receive the MOV. This along with the other information on this page is a cumulative reference to the work the committee has undertaken since its inception and is not intended to reflect only those meetings that took place during the current FY. This is consistent with how this information was completed and all previous reports, and other answer to questions completed in this section are also not specific to the FY.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

99%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The vast majority of Board recommendations have been fully implemented/accepted.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

1%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

During the period of the Board's operation, there has been one nominee recommended by the Board that was subsequently withdrawn upon the request of the agency that originally submitted the nomination. In addition, there was a separate nomination that was ultimately not approved by the Attorney General. In this cases, the Attorney General approved the remaining recommendations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), acting on behalf of the Department of Justice, provides ongoing feedback in a number of ways. The DFO regularly communicates with the Board (via phone, email and/or in person during meetings) in order to provide information relating to tasks, recommendations, administrative, operational and/or other issues of importance. In addition, DOJ leadership may provide feedback by seeking additional clarification concerning vetting information that is included with the Board's recommendations for MOV recipients. Finally, the U.S. Attorney General provides feedback on the Board's recommendations by signing off within the MOV Recommendation memorandum on each nominee that is approved to receive the MOV.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Following the Board's vote to recommend recipients for the MOV, the DFO will involve other DOJ components in an effort to vet (e.g. limited FBI name checks, DOJ Civil Rights Div checks, and internet/social media checks) all nominees prior to submitting the Board's recommendations to the Attorney General. The DFO continually reviews and has placed before the Board, proposed amendments to the established Bylaws that govern the Board's operations. Additionally, the DFO will periodically seek clarification from the Office

of General Counsel concerning emerging issues about the eligibility of nominees, and/or other legal issues related to the program. The DFO will also collaborate with agency leadership concerning critical program issues and policy questions, and as appropriate will engage the Board in discussions on such matters.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

This is not a grant program. The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board receives and reviews applications that detail acts of valor performed by public safety officers. The Board is charged with the responsibility of considering these submissions and ultimately on an annual basis, selecting a finite number of nominees to be recommended to the Attorney General to receive the Medal of Valor.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A